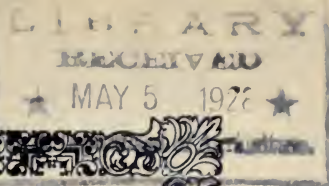


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Greetings

I take great pleasure in presenting you this catalogue for the season of 1928 and wish to thank my many friends and patrons for the large number of testimonial letters which have been a source of pleasure and gratification to me and regret that space will not allow me to publish them here. A satisfied customer is my best advertisement. Therefore in soliciting your patronage I wish to earn your confidence by fair dealing.

I have discarded a number of varieties from last season's list and after trying out a large number of new varieties the past season, I have added only those that have shown superior merit. Regardless of descriptions which in most cases are the originators, this list contains varieties that have given satisfactory results and should do likewise for you. Again thanking you for past favors and assuring you that future orders will receive the same careful attention that I have always enjoyed showing my customers.

Very sincerely yours,

THOS. H. HUGHES.



As it is quite impossible for me to meet all my customers in person I had the above cut of myself printed as an introduction; that my customers and prospective customers may see how the Dahlia and Glad grower looks from whom they received this catalog.

Sincerely yours,
THOS. H. HUGHES,



METROPOLITAN

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A FEW HINTS AS TO ORDERING

Order Early. To give entire satisfaction, let me suggest early ordering. The stock of choice varieties is often limited, and cheaper varieties are in great demand.

No changes or substitutes are made in any orders unless requested to do so.

If you do not find the variety you want in this list let me quote you.

New varieties are being tested annually and only the very best are added to the list.

Guarantee. While every care is exercised at digging, planting and packing that none should be mixed, no guarantee is given, other than to replace any stock that may prove not true to name. All prices and quotations are subject to stock being unsold.

All orders from unknown parties must be accompanied by remittance or reserve orders must be covered by 25 per cent. of the amount of the order.

All prices in this list are for bulbs or plants prepaid to your address. All varieties listed at \$1.00 plants will be same price. No plants furnished of varieties listed below \$1.00.

Forwarding—We ship tubers at the planting time unless otherwise requested.

GREEN PLANTS. All plants are hardened off in cold frame and will be ready for shipment after May 15th. Plants sent by parcel post are prepaid to your address. If you wish them forwarded by first class mail please send 25 cents for special handling stamp.

This list cancels all previous prices.

Plant Dahlia Plants—One-half cheaper than tubers.

Dahlia Plants are NOT Seedlings and will bloom absolutely true to the variety of tubers from which they are taken. All plants we send out are propagated properly, and will form tubers for you for planting the next spring. Remember, some sorts are always shy root producers, even when tubers are used.

Dahlia plants will give equal or better results than tubers, if given a little more care in their early growth. In our own Show Garden we have always used them whenever obtainable. They are much less liable to become diseased than roots. It is seldom necessary to thin out the stalks when green plants are used.

I will venture to say that they are preferred by practically all experienced growers and especially when prize-winning blooms are desired for the Fall Dahlia Shows. You will never know all about Dahlias before giving plants a fair trial.

My experience and method of packing plants for shipment by parcel post, enables me to guarantee that they will arrive at their destination in perfect condition. They can be sent with safety for a distance requiring from three to four days in transit.

I make successful shipments to California each season but do not recommend such long distance shipping. Canadian customers report perfect condition of arrival. Planting directions are sent with each shipment.

CULTIVATION OF DAHLIAS

Dahlias are easily grown, requiring no special soil, or treatment, to bring them to perfection. They love an open sunny location, but succeed in partial shade. Prepare the soil thoroughly by digging 12 to 18 inches deep, possibly in the fall and then again in the spring, before planting.

If the soil is poor, work in some well-rotted stable manure, or artificial fertilizer, but don't over-do this.

Dig the holes 3 feet apart and about 6 inches deep; drive a stout stake in each hole, and lay the tuber down flat with the eyes to the stake, and cover with two to three inches of fine soil, leaving the hole to be filled after the plant comes up.

Plant any time between April 1st and June 15th.

When the plants have made their third set of leaves, cut out the top, to make them branch.

The most important thing from now on is hoeing and cultivating the soil, until the buds appear; then give the beds a good mulching of manure, to keep the ground moist; and water the plants thoroughly once or twice a week.

To have large blooms, it is absolutely necessary to disbud; that means, to cut off all the side shoots on each stem above the first or second set of leaves, but being sure to leave the sprouts near the base of each stem, so as to insure a new crop of blooms. Tubers should be stored in a dry cellar or basement, cover them with dry sand or soil to keep them from shriveling. Divide the tubers in the spring after the eyes show plainly, being careful that each tuber has an eye, cover them again and keep dry until planted.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR EARLY BUYERS

With all orders mailed before March 1st, 1928, you may select from my catalogue, anything in the following values:

With all orders of \$10.00 or over select \$1.00 in value.

With all orders of \$15.00 or over select \$1.50 in value.

With all orders of \$20.00 or over select \$2.00 in value.

With all orders of \$25.00 or over select \$2.50 in value.

The above offer is not allowed when other discounts are given.

I reserve the right to substitute any other variety of equal value should the stock be exhausted of the varieties you select. These offers are made in appreciation of receiving your orders early, and will facilitate filling them as many orders come in at the busy season.

Address all orders to

THOS. H. HUGHES

78 Brownell St., New Bedford, Mass.

Dahlias of Recent Introduction and Varieties of Special Merit

Jane Cowl. (Downs.) A massive deep decorative with petals curled and twisted. Color a glistening bronzy buff and old gold blending to a deeper shade toward center of flower, reverse of petals a pale flesh color, giving the flower, as a whole, a warm glow. A stem of unusual strength holds this giant decorative erect over a plant of ideal growth, foliage thick and leathery, insect resisting. Miss Jane Cowl selected this variety at the A. D. S. Exhibition in New York to bear her name. Also awarded first prize for undisseminated seedling and the Garden & Home Builder Sweepstakes Silver Medal. Awarded Certificate of Merit, A. D. S. Trial Garden, at Storrs. Tubers (April 15th delivery), \$15.00.

My Maryland. (Downs.) This exhibition hybrid cactus is of a decidedly unique coloring, a blending of unusually delicate pink with the faintest suggestion of lavender, the pointed petals whorl and twist in such a manner as to blend the two colors. There are pinks and there are lavenders, but this flower is in a color class of its own. Excellent stems and leathery foliage. Awarded the Maryland Dahlia Society's gold medal for the best undisseminated seedling exhibited at the exhibition of the New Jersey Dahlia Society in Atlantic City, hence its name. Also awarded the Garden & Home Builder's Achievement medal. First prize at A. D. S. show in New York for Best undisseminated hybrid cactus. Certificate of Merit, A. D. S., at Storrs. Tubers only (April 15th delivery), \$15.00.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh. (F. & M.) A huge hybrid cactus of a beautiful rose "du Barry" shade, overlaid and suffused with old ivory, shading off to pale gold at center. Reverse of petals light carmine pink. An early and free bloomer. Stems rigid and straight, dark green foliage and good habit of growth. A superb flower that will rank high amongst prize winning dahlias. Tubers \$10.00 net. Plants \$5.00 net.

Chanticleer. (Ames.) A beautiful shade of almost pure orchid. Decorative, though not of the flat set type. Eight to ten-inch flower of wonderful coloring facing you on fine stem, high above the foliage, which is light. Almost no disbudding necessary. A generous bloomer and good root producer. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Betty Ivins. (F. & M.) Exhibition Decorative. Exhibition winners are judged by their size, color and stem—perfection in all these bring the just reward. "Betty," we believe, will win many awards. A remarkable flower of huge proportions. Petals thickly placed to form a very full flower. Color a rich salmon, overlaid with an amber glow, showing a rosy pink reverse. Petals have that soft glistening gleam, as reflected in the texture of a rose. For a flower of such size, it has a remarkable stem that holds it perfectly upright, a point which has been noted by many of its admirers. Plants grow medium tall with thick green foliage, stems stiff and long. Plants \$5.00 net.

Jean Hare. (F. & M.) A distinctive exhibition hybrid cactus of peculiar formation and unusual charm. When the flower first unfolds it is a beautiful golden yellow, as it matures it becomes an apricot buff and the outer row of petals a golden bronze. A flower that commands unusual attention both in the field and at the shows. One of the most attractive autumn colored dahlias on account of its great size and beauty. Very free bloomer, medium to tall habit of growth, perfectly stiff, upright stems, heavy dark green foliage. Awarded Certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of New Jersey, with score of 87 for exhibition. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

F. T. D. (F. & M.) Named in honor of the Florist's Telegraph Delivery. Large exhibition decorative. A sport of Trentonian and manifesting the latter's good habit of growth. Tall and free flowering. Color a rich Tyrian rose. Dark green foliage, a good keeper, on long rigid, upright stems. Winner of silver trophy for best basket or vase of 25 blooms at Atlantic City, N. J. Five entries in the class. Also awarded Certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of New Jersey. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.75.

Martha Kemp. (H. C.) This is a very refined, and beautiful dahlia. The color is a warm buff, shading to apricot yellow at base of petals. Flower is full eight inches in diameter, and 6 inches deep, and about the best keeper, both on the plant and when cut, of any dahlia I know, the blooms usually lasting in good condition for a week or longer, after they are full bloom. Never sheds its petals, neither on the plant or when cut. An early and prolific bloomer. Seedling of Shudows Lavender, but has more refined foliage. Plant is a strong, vigorous grower, reaching a height of six feet and over. Tubers, each \$10.00. Plants, each \$5.00.

Kemp's Violet Wonder. (Dec.) Best violet colored dahlia to date. The predominating color is a rich naphthaline violet, lightening to bluish violet at tips of petals, with lavender reverse. Flower is as nearly perfect form as possible, is a true decorative, and of great size, frequently attaining to a diameter of ten inches and over, and a depth of six to seven inches, and are borne on stiff stems 10 to 14 inches above the foliage. Does not burn, and is a remarkably good keeper both on the plant, and when cut. An early and prolific bloomer. Plant is a strong vigorous grower, with wide spreading habit, and a height of 6 to 7 feet. Foliage bright green, healthy, and has never been injured by attacks of leaf hoppers or other sucking insects. One of the outstanding dahlias of the year. Awarded a gold medal ribbon, and a place in the court of honor at the 1927 A. D. S. Show, New York City. Tubers, each \$15.00. Plants, each \$7.50.

Fort Monmouth. (H. C.) One of the giants of the Dahlia World. The predominating color is a rich crimson maroon, with shading of bluish violet at tips of petals. The flowers are well formed of true H. C. type, of immense size, frequently attaining to full 13 inches in diameter, and are borne on long stiff stems high above the foliage, and look you right in the face. Does not burn, and is a splendid keeper, both on the plant and when cut. Very prolific bloomer, from early to late, and is no uncommon thing to see as many as five and six immense blooms on a plant at a time. Plant is a strong, vigorous grower, attaining to a height of 7 to 8 feet. Foliage dark green, healthy, and has been immune to attacks of leaf hoppers. Winner in the class for the largest dahlia in diameter, at the 1927 Trenton, N. J. Show. Tubers, each \$15.00. Plants, each \$7.50.

Fairhaven Gold. (Darling.) This I believe to be the best hybrid cactus of its color to date. This dahlia has great depth, as well as large size, and is produced freely on long stiff stems. A medium low grower. Color a pure glistening gold, beautiful formation. Mentioned in the Garden & Home Builder Dahlia "Roll of Honor," 1927. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Miss Fairhaven. (Darling.) (Dec.) It will be hard to get a better combination of colors than is produced in this large fluffy decorative. Color a beautiful shade of pink, with the petals veined and streaked creamy white, the base of the petals yellow. Plants are strong and vigorous, and blooms freely on long stiff stems. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Grace Jocelyn. (Dec.) The color tones of this beautiful dahlia are Begonia rose and deep salmon. Flower is large, full centered, with good stems. One of this season's beauties that has a strong appeal to all lovers of beautiful art dahlias, and will win many enthusiastic friends as it becomes better known. Plant is of medium height, a healthy grower, and quite prolific of bloom. Tubers, each \$10.00. Plants, each \$5.00.

Spottswood Beauty. (Dec.) This is one of the most beautiful colored dahlias in the list of 1928 introductions. Color is a clear Chatenay pink, shading to lemon yellow at base of petals. Flowers are 7 to 8 inches in diameter, and of great depth, and are borne on long cane-like stems high above the foliage. Plant is a very healthy grower, and attains to a height of 6 feet and over. One of the most refined, and beautiful pink dahlias to date. Tubers, each \$10.00. Plants, each \$5.00.

City of Trenton. (Dec.) A very large exhibition decorative, held erect on long, stiff stems well above the foliage. An autumn colored dahlia of wonderful beauty. The front of the petals shows a rich glowing tangerine, while the reverse is a crushed strawberry red. The gracefully curled petals give a two-toned effect, creating an impression of whorls or tongues of flame radiating from a full, glowing center. A superb flower of great beauty. Tubers, each \$10.00. Plants, each \$5.00.

Nashawena. (Dec.) This new novelty won a first prize at Boston, 1927, for best vase of seedlings in the decorative class. When first opening, the back petals are a strawberry color, changing to salmon as the blossom matures. The center is a lemon yellow streaked with scarlet. The petals twisting at the points make the form very beautiful, long sturdy stems hold the blossoms erect. It is a vigorous grower and blooms early. The very large flowers were much admired the past season. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Yellow Princess. A sensation wherever shown, without doubt the largest and best yellow decorative dahlia. Flowers from 10 to 12 inches on stiff stems. Won the American Dahlia Society Gold Medal Ribbon, 1927, for the best undisseminated decorative seedling that had been certificated at Storrs trial gardens; first prize for largest bloom in show at Providence, R. I., 1927; American Dahlia Society Certificate of Merit, 1926; mentioned in the Garden & Home Builder Dahlia "Roll of Honor," 1927. The dahlia everyone has been waiting for. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Chemar's Queen. (Dec.) (Chemar Gardens.) A very large bright yellow, a color that you will never tire of; there is no trace of any other color in the flower. Average 9 inches without forcing; the large flowers are held perfectly erect on the long cane stiff stems. As a seedling L. C. a 12 inch flower, won the certificate for the best dahlia not in commerce; this was in 1923. The bush is a vigorous grower of average height, and is particularly striking in the garden because of the sharp contrast between the quantities of yellow blooms rising well up above the heavy dark green foliage. The flowers keep a long time when cut. It will grow in water. We firmly believe that this Chemar's Queen will be one of the most popular dahlias when it becomes generally known. This has won a certificate at the A. D. S. Trial Grounds in 1927. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Sanhican's Nymph. (F. & M.) Very large exhibition decorative which immediately attracts the attention of all dahlia fans who are looking for beauty and size combined. A solid, high built flower, which never shows its center, formed with quilled petals regularly placed. Color a beautiful rich primrose yellow with the reverse of petals faintly touched with fawn-rose, the latter color being more perceptible on the center petals as they open. This flower is most unique and beautiful with perfect stems and of medium tall habit of growth. Plants only \$3.75 net.

Clansman. (Dec.) (Mills.) Certificate of Merit at Storrs, 1926, as an exhibition flower. It is also one of the best cut flowers of its color. It is very free, carrying six to eight, 8 to 9 inch blooms on long stiff stems at one time. Color (judges description), a beautiful apricot orange, center darkening to Jasper pink, radiating a golden sheen that instantly attracts the eye. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Mabel Goodacre. (Dec.) (Goodacre.) Certificate of Merit at Storrs, 1926. A New England grower writes that it is the best dahlia in his entire collection. A sturdy medium height plant with large full flowers of the very finest formation and keeping qualities. Color an even mauve, early in season and on opening out rich lilac. A profuse bloomer on the best of stems. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

La Roda. (Broomall.) Large, well formed flowers of silvery pink, held erect on strong stems. A fine exhibition decorative of great size and beauty. Considered by many as one of last season's best introductions. Plants, only \$7.50 net.

The Chemar's Purity. (Chemar Gardens.) A most perfect white decorative seedling from Jersey's Beauty which it resembles in everything but color. The petals are long and straight, the center excellent and size immense, stems extra long and stiff holding flowers high up above a strong sturdy plant. When the flowers first open they show a slight trace of ivory near the center, this gradually changes to a pure white at maturity. Certificate at the A. D. S. Trial Grounds in 1927 and scored eighty-six at the Nebraska Trial Grounds. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Chemar's Masterpiece. (Chemar Gardens.) A huge incurved cactus flower of orchid pink or soft orchid coloring which everyone knows. The flowers are extra large of perfect form, under all conditions and are so placed on extra long stems that they show their beauty to the best advantage. It is a seedling of Mrs. I. de Van Warner and a counterpart in every way except Masterpiece is an incurved English cactus producing 10 inch flowers in abundance. This has won a certificate at the N. J. Trial Grounds. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Flaming Meteor. (Dec.) (Barker.) The flower is large, of good depth, splendid form and unexcelled keeping qualities; stems, long, tough and cane-like. The color is a flaming orange scarlet deepening to burnt orange at the center, where each petal shows an amber yellow base thus making a beautiful central halo. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Metropolitan. (Dec.) (Mendonsa.) Bright crimson, evenly tipped white with veining of gold running to base of petals. Plants are of medium height, healthy green foliage and a consistent bloomer of large flowers on good stems. I have admired this variety for the past three seasons and consider it one of the best variegated or fancy dahlias I have seen. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Hathor. (Dec.) (Seal.) A dahlia of vivid Oriental colorings. The predominating color is flame; not red, but verging on deep crimson, orange, and all those colors seen in glowing embers. The formation is always perfect and the stem exceptionally fine and stiff, so the large bloom looks one squarely in the face. Tubers \$5.00.

Golden Dream. (Dec.) (Success.) Color is storntian yellow with a golden sheen or lustre; reverse, Brazil red. Flowers are large on long stiff stems. Certificate of Merit by A. D. S. and Dahlia Society of New Jersey. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Eagle Rock Jewel. (H. C.) (Broomall.) Cream overlaid cameo pink. Considered one of the most beautiful in its color class. The large flowers are borne on strong stems. A vigorous grower and free bloomer. Plants \$10.00 net.

La Golondrina. (H. D.) (Broomall.) Silvery white shaded phlox purple, the general effect being a light lavender. Very large flowers of distinct and pleasing shape, held well above the foliage on good stems. Plants \$5.00 net.

Fire Chief. (Dec.) (Success.) There are plenty of red dahlias but very few that are really good. This is one of the really good ones. Color is a bright glistening scarlet. A profuse bloomer of flowers that will average 8 inches, on long stiff stems. Certificate of Merit by the A. D. S. and Dahlia Society of New Jersey. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Eagle Rock Beauty. (Dec.) (Broomall.) This I believe was the outstanding new California dahlia for 1926. A beautiful combination of pink and cream that is displayed in this glorious creation would be difficult to imagine; it is in a class by itself. A vigorous grower with fine habits, strong stems which hold the immense blooms, which are full to the center and produced in abundance until frost. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Primula Rex. (Dec.) (Broomall.) Very light cream or primrose color. The flowers are immense with every good quality, far ahead of anything in its class and color. This variety attracted a great deal of attention at the New York Botanical Gardens and the A. D. S. Show. Plants \$2.50.

Harry Mayer. (Dec.) (Seltsam.) A great decorative dahlia of pale rosaline purple, reverse of petals veined with a deeper shade. The blooms are of fine formation, are very large and held erect on stiff stems on medium height plants carrying four to six exhibition blooms at a time. Tubers \$10.00. Plants \$5.00.

Queen of the Garden Beautiful. (Dec.) (Burns.) A gigantic lemon colored decorative of perfect type. A flower that fulfills the dream of dahlia lovers. One of the largest of all dahlias, measuring from 9 to 12 inches across, and 5 to 6 inches deep, grown without forcing. The stems are unusually strong and it is a wonderful keeper. This dahlia has won many prizes including the Samuel W. Heller Prize in California, scoring ninety-four points. Plants \$2.50.



MARGARET WOODROW WILSON

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Marmion. (Dec.) (Tyler.) In this new novelty we have one of the largest in the garden. The color is pure golden yellow with bronze suffusion on the reverse of petals and a deeper bronze tone on the high center and outlining each petal. The stems are good and hold the immense blooms gracefully above the sturdy plant. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Marion Broomall. (H. C.) (Broomall.) Pink and white, descendant of Gladys Sherwood. It is more cactus in shape than Gladys Sherwood with better stems and habit. A beautiful flower. Plants \$3.50.

Silverado. (H. C.) (Seal.) The immense blooms are of white, gradually shading toward the center to a delicate silvery lavender. The stems are extra long and strong, and the tall, well-branched bushes are always covered with these huge, feathery blooms. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

The Lemonade. (Dec.) (Ward.) Yellow dahlias are becoming quite plentiful but in this we have the very best we ever saw and think it almost perfect. Color is pale lemon yellow. An exhibition flower of vigorous growth, excellent stem, free flowering and flowers remain very large all season. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Barbara Redfern. (Dec.) (Redfern.) Color is a wondrous combination of old rose and old gold. The outside of the petals is dull gold, the reverse is delicate old rose. Petals are very long and of medium width. Owing to their formation both colors show at once. Flower is of mammoth size and great depth, and borne on a heavy, stiff stem, which never bends, but carries the big flower upright at all seasons. The bush is a clean, healthy grower, blossoms early and blooms continuously. Tubers, \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Andreas Hofer. An imported variety of much merit. This is one of the most beautiful dahlias I have had the pleasure of growing; color is a light pink, stems are long and stiff. Plants, medium height. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Nagel's Roem. A distinct type of hybrid cactus of large size borne aloft on very rigid stems. Naples yellow, tinted salmon and chamoise. One of the best dahlias of Belgian origin, receiving three 1st Class Certificates in France and Belgium. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Arbutus. (Dec.) (Tyler.) A particularly attractive dahlia of perfect form, and large size. Color is the delicate pink and white of the New England May Flower, from which it derives its name. In habit it resembles Jersey's Beauty, both as to size and shape of flower, and the extra long stem, which is almost bare of foliage. An early and constant bloomer, and always full to the center. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Aztec Glory. (H. D.) (Broomall.) A rich clear golden yellow that glistens in the sunlight. Color, form, size and stem are all that one can desire. The artistic effect of the large blooms is unsurpassed in any other dahlia. The plant is of medium height, a healthy grower and prolific bloomer. Plants \$5.00.

Sanhican's Peach. A fluffy decorative of good size and great charm. In color it is exactly the shade of a ripe California peach with a real peach-cheek glow. Its attractiveness is further enhanced by the oddly twisted petals with staghorn tips. Rich dark green foliage, upright straight stems and good habit of growth. A valuable addition to any real choice collection of dahlias. Plants \$3.00.

Edna Ferber. (F. & M.) An exhibition hybrid cactus dahlia with an exceptionally fine stiff stem. Color is a glistening coral, shading to old gold at base of petals. One of the first flowers to attract attention both in the field and on the exhibition table on account of its extreme beauty and size. Petals curled and twisted, making a very full flower. Medium to tall habit of growth, foliage dark green and thick. Awarded Certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of N. J., 1926. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Elkridge. (Griffiths.) This splendid new white decorative had the distinction of winning the medal for the best new variety at the A. D. S. Exhibition held in New York, 1926. The flowers are of good size, borne on splendid stems, petals firm in texture, and it is particularly fine for keeping when cut. Vigorous grower and flowers are produced in great profusion. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Pride of Stratford. (Dec.) (M. & S.) Predominating color, cadmium orange, shading to light orange yellow at the base of petals; reverse, rose doree. Very large flowers, held erect on strong stems. Bushes are medium height; large blooms are produced without pruning or disbudding. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Berengaria. (English Dec.) The originators of this dahlia consider it one of their triumphs in every way. Colors are orange at center, to gold at tips, with golden sheen over all. In form it more resembles the hybrid cactus type than the decorative. Plants \$2.50.

Nancy Sue Lang. (Broomall.) A hybrid decorative that can be grown to immense size for exhibition purposes. Flowers are starlike in shape; red, tipped with gold. Much larger and stronger than the old favorite, Mrs. E. L. Lindsay. Habit of plant is dwarf and very robust. Stems, straight and stiff. Tubers \$7.50. Plants \$3.50.

Sanhican's Purple. (F. & M.) Decorative dahlias of this color are very scarce. Ridgeway's chart describes the color as "true purple." A full-centered, regularly shaped dahlia of great keeping qualities either on the plant or the exhibition table. Of tall-growing habit, flowers held well above foliage on long, black, rigid stems. Foliage, dark green and leathery. Plants \$2.50.

Watchung Sunrise. (Dec.) (Smith.) This is possibly the best new dahlia of the year and was the sensation of the New York show. It is a rich golden yellow suffused amaranth pink towards the outer petals. The flowers are enormous and when fully developed form a perfect sphere. It is a vigorous grower, and the stems are perfect. Plants, only \$7.50.

DAHLIAS OF SUPERIOR MERIT

Ambassador C. (Cac.) The color is soft yellow buff, shaded salmon-pink; flowers of pleasing form, and enormous size. The splendid flowers are held erect well above the foliage on the strongest stems I have ever seen on a cactus dahlia; nothing better has ever been produced than this American type of cactus dahlia. Tubers \$1.50. Plants \$1.00.

Avalon. (Dec.) (Broomall.) Pure clear yellow. The large flowers are very distinct and pleasing in shape. Always full to the center and produced in great abundance on long strong stems. This flower has every good quality, a remarkable good keeper which makes it a fine cut flower as well as for exhibition. Tubers \$1.50. Plants \$1.00.

Alice Whittier. (H. C.) (Reed.) The color of this beauty is a heavy primrose or sulphur yellow. The flower is evenly built with long spike-like petals from 5 to 6 inches deep and 9 to 10 inches in diameter without forcing. The plant is tall, growing 6 to 7 feet covered with immense flowers glowing in the sunlight. The flowers have good substance and will keep for days after cutting. Winner of the President's Cup at the Boston Dahlia Show, 1924, for best seedling of New England origin never before exhibited. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Adda Patterson. (H. C.) (Kemp.) One of the best, if not the best white hybrid cactus dahlia to date. The flowers are pure white, and average 8 to 9 inches in diameter. The plant is a beautiful grower, reaching a height of 7 feet. The large blooms are held well above the foliage on stiff stems that can be cut 4 or 5 feet in length. A splendid keeper, and equally good for exhibition and decorative purposes. An all around white dahlia that will win in the keenest competition. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Altamont. (Kemp.) Rose pink, deepening to American Beauty rose toward the center of the flower. The flower is large, averaging 8 inches and over in diameter, full decorative type, with long slightly curled petals, giving the individual blooms a very artistic finish. The flower is practically sunproof, and is never unsightly even when much past its best. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

America's Glory. (Dec.) (Beatrice.) A grand fancy decorative dahlia. The color is a light bright scarlet, evenly tipped purest white, has never produced any solid colored blooms, extra fine long, stiff stems, which hold the full-centered blossoms measuring 7 to 10 inches perfectly upright. A clean growing plant which requires very little, if any, disbudding. Plants, only \$2.50.

Alexander Pope. (H. C.) (Strobel.) This dahlia is a giant hybrid cactus with a long stem, which does not bend, can be grown with equal success in half shade as well as full sunshine. It is one of the few large dahlias that does not burn. Color is a beautiful shade of crimson; reverse of petals, magenta. The petals have a metallic lustre and twist showing reverse, center is almost black. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Amarillo Grande. (H. D.) (Broomall.) Light yellow. Compared with Sunny South the petals are more broad and the flowers are much larger; in fact, they are enormous and are produced in abundance. Plants \$2.50.

- Alverne.** (H. C.) (Broomall.) Salmon-pink, large flowers on good stems, the color was much admired. It's "different." Height, 3 feet. Stock limited. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.
- Bertha Jost.** (Dec.) (Jost.) Base deep sulphur. Outer petals blended with peach pink, the center tinted with burnt orange. A very handsome, free-flowering large dahlia, carried on long stiff stems, and a wonderful keeper when cut. One of the most admired varieties I grew last season. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.
- Bob Pleuse.** (H. C.) (Superior.) This is a very attractive variegated dark red, almost maroon. Tipped white, a pleasing combination of colors. Blooms average 6 to 7 inches. Plants are medium height and very free bloomers. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.
- Casper G. Ware.** (Dec.) (Dahliadel.) Flowers are large, usually 8 to 10 inches across, regularly formed and produced profusely on strong stems. Color, bright clear violet rose. To those looking for a real novelty we can heartily recommend this variety, as it has exceptional exhibition and commercial qualities. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.
- Charles Stratton.** (Chester-F. & M.) A wonderful exhibition variety decorative, fluffy formation of a beautiful blending of pale gold to old rose on outer petals. Very stiff upright stem. This dahlia has been awarded sixteen prizes in New Jersey for size and artistic coloring. Profuse bloomer. Tubers \$2.00.
- C. P. R.** (Dec.) (Brock.) An immense flower, color is a buff yellow with magenta shadings. A very handsome flower and one that is well liked. A good grower on good stems, a fine bloomer. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.
- Cream King.** This is often classed as a peony, but with me a very large percentage of the blooms come perfectly decorative. The color is as the name indicates, a soft cream. It is of immense size, blooms freely, and is supported by the best of stems. Tubers 75 cents.
- Eagle Rock Sunshine.** (Cac.) (Broomall.) Since the introduction of Ambassador nothing has been offered to compare with this great cactus dahlia. The color is a deeper shade of yellow than Sunny South, the flowers are larger and are held perfectly erect on strong stems, it shows no tendency to become pendant under the most unfavorable conditions and produces blooms full to the center until frost. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Elia Clarke Bull. (Dec.) (Bessie Boston.) Easily the very best white that has ever been sent from California, and probably the best white in existence. The flowers are large, of splendid formation, stem and growth perfect. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Elite Glory. (Dec.) (Kennedy.) A most sensational dahlia. It is a monstrous flower of a brilliant rich red color, without any apparent purple or maroon shading. Its blooms and foliage are gigantic in size, and strange to say, not awkward in appearance, but very pleasing and graceful. Elite Glory is regarded as a "break" in the dahlia world, and cannot be surpassed for spectacular effect, either for exhibition or garden purposes. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Eastern Star. (Dec.) (Dahliadel.) Color a soft saffron yellow with old gold shadings. Flowers of great substance and good keeping qualities, with full centers held on strong erect stems. Excellent bush growth, and free flowering. Grows 10 inches without forcing. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Elsie Daniels. (H. C.) (Meachen & Sherman.) The color of this wonderful dahlia is a pale violet orchid shade on the outer petals which are long and shaggy, the center ones are white, making a most wonderful combination of colors. The habits of the plant are all that could be desired. It grows about 4 feet tall and the stems are strong and hold extra large flowers erect above the foliage. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Ellinor Vanderveer. (Dec.) (Jessie Seal.) An incomparable dahlia of exquisite beauty and great size, having every desirable quality. The large blossoms are of a glowing, satiny, rose pink. The flowers are of great depth and substance, and are held far above a tall, sturdy bush, on exceptionally long, stiff stems. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Eva Williams. (Dec.) (Fisher & Masson.) A flower of immense size carried on the stiffest of stems. Color is amethyst with slight silvery shadings. The plant is a strong vigorous grower and a very free bloomer of full centered exhibition flowers. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Estelle Christy. (Show.) The best yellow show dahlia which we have ever grown. The color is a very bright lemon yellow. Blossoms are extra large and are borne on long rugged stems. \$1.00 each.

Ethel M. (H. C.) (Reed.) The plant is always covered with large blooms of the most pleasing and attractive shade of glowing amaranth pink at the base of the large, perfectly quilled petals, gradually shading lighter at the tips, with white center. Awarded a Certificate of Merit at the A. D. S. Trial Garden at Storrs, Conn., 1923, scoring eighty-eight points. Tubers \$1.00.

Faith Garibaldi. (Dec.) (B. Boston.) This immense deep rose decorative is a flower of great substance and of perfect formation, it does not require heavy disbudding for immense blooms. The stem is exceptionally strong and carries the flower high above the foliage, the blossoms last indefinitely on the bush and nearly a week in the house. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Fort Washington. (Dec.) (Rindfleisch.) The immense flowers of this variety are produced on plants 8 to 10 feet high. The color is a dark mahogany red. The plants are very robust and will grow equally as well from plants as from tubers. This I think is the largest dahlia in its color class yet produced. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Golden Fleece. (Dec.) (Seal.) An exceptionally magnificent blossom of a rich creamy, golden yellow with a satiny sheen, frequently tipped with white giving it a silvery frosted appearance. When the flower is viewed from the side a suggestion of pink in the veining on the reverse of the petals sets the flower aglow as though lighted from within. It is a fine cut flower as the soft rich tones blend well with other colors. The stem is long and strong, holding the flower high above a medium tall bush. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Glory of Monmouth. (Dec.) (Kemp.) Eosine pink, shading to strawberry pink at center of petals. Base of petals light orange, a new color combination in dahlias. The plant is semi-dwarf in habit, wide spreading and very sturdy. The flowers are on long, very strong stems (6 to 8 inches in diameter and over 4 inches in depth). The flowers are produced in great profusion. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Golden Emblem. (Dec.) (White.) A clear, golden yellow, without shading or any traces of any other color whatsoever. The huge flowers are of the most artistic and refined form imaginable with their high centers and long, wavy, recurving petals. Blooms are erect on long, wiry stems, far above foliage. Of fine substance, keeping as long as any dahlia of its size, when cut or on the plant. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.



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- Gilda Gray.** (Dec.) (F. & M.) Petals of this decorative are of a pure lilac color shading to a deep Tyrian rose toward center of flower, this deepening of color gives the effect of great depth and looks as though an artist had overlaid the original petals with velvet, if this were possible. Slender, stiff stems. A very striking flower that is hard to describe. Tubers \$1.50. Plants \$1.00.
- Griffin.** Color, pinard yellow, with pale viridine yellow reverse, tinted lavender pink. Plant is a strong, vigorous grower, and has never been troubled from attacks of leaf hoppers nor thrips. Flowers are large, and are borne in the greatest profusion, the plant being loaded with large blooms, from mid-summer until frost, on long stems carrying the blooms well out of the foliage. Requires very little attention in the way of disbudding or pruning. An excellent garden variety that will be a most welcome addition to the home garden decorations. Height of plant 5 feet. Tubers, each \$5.00. Plants, each \$2.50.
- Ian.** (Cac.) A Bessie Boston 1926 introduction. A perfectly incurved cactus, the giant flowers are a deep, clear yellow, gradually shading pink on the outer rows of petals. The reverse of these outer petals is also touched with sunset shades. Stem holds the flower upright, making it equally good for cutting and exhibiting. Blooms freely, very fine variety. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.
- Jersey's Ideal.** (Dec.) (Waite.) The color of this beautiful variety is best described as lavender pink, although sometimes it is nearer lavender. Flowers face upward on top of the stem, the long petals drooping over the stem, make a flower of great depth. A vigorous grower, free bloomer, and an ideal stem. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.
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Jersey's Jewel. (Dec.) (Waite.) Mallow pink, very large long petaled flowers on good stems. A splendid exhibition variety. Certificated A. D. S., 1923. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Jersey's Radiant. (H. C.) (Waite.) Bitter sweet orange, large flowers produced on long, stiff, brown stems well above the foliage. A very attractive variety. Certificated A. D. S., 1923. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Jersey's Beauty. (Dec.) (Waite.) The finest true pink decorative dahlia yet produced, not a shade of lavender, but a clear eosine pink with tips of petals slightly touched with gold. "Jersey's Beauty" is indeed an appropriate name for this grand variety, large flowers of perfect form on stiff stems 3 to 4 feet long hold the flowers high above a strong, vigorous plant. Winner of the highest award at Storrs, Conn., scoring ninety-one points. Tubers \$1.00.

King Tut. (Dec.) (Seal.) An extra large blossom of rich dark velvety glowing crimson burgandy of fine formation and closed centers throughout the season. The large fine blossoms of great substance are held high above strong, medium tall bushes on long, stiff stems. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Lolita Velasco. (H. C.) The most perfect white cactus, the petals are extremely long and straight, the center excellent and size immense; stems long and stiff holding flowers well up on a strong, sturdy plant. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Margaret Woodrow Wilson. (Dec.) (F. & M.) A large decorative dahlia having broad petals well placed, terminating in points, making a very thick flower. Color, opalescent pink (meaning the reverse of petals are so colored as to reflect a pink tone to the whole flower). Flowers held well out of dark green foliage on perfect stems. Medium height plant. Awarded Certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of New Jersey, 1925. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Miss California. (Dec.) (Pellicano.) A large flower, perfectly formed and beautiful in color. Known as oriental fuschia, the bushes grow tall and the blossoms are very freely produced on strong, stiff stems. A fine cut flower as well as for exhibition. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Mrs. Frances E. Bullard. (Peo.) (Broomall.) Beautiful light pink flowers of immense size and borne on good, strong stems in the greatest profusion. Blooms are extra deep and full for a peony dahlia. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

Maid Marian. (H. C.) (Tyler.) A very large heavy flower of the most beautiful shade of rose pink without a trace of purple or yellow. Petals curl and twist, forming a graceful bloom of indescribable charm. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Mrs. E. P. Judd. (Dec.) (Jost.) Carmine and rose suffused with cream, a very large handsome flower, carried on a good, strong stem. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

Margaret Masson. (Dec.) (F. & M.) This dahlia immediately attracted the attention of all who visited our garden on account of its beautiful silvery rose pink color, great depth and size. It is a wonderful exhibition flower on account of its fine keeping qualities and fine upright stem. Certificate of Merit by the Dahlia Society of New Jersey. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Mrs. Eleanor Martin. (Dec.) (Pelicano.) Blooms are very large on long stiff stems. The form of the flower is of the best exhibition type; in fact, it combines all the good points which go to make a perfect decorative. The color is a beautiful mulberry suffused with gold. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Mrs. Geo. C. Meachen. (Dec.) A new decorative that is sure to be a winner. The face of the flower is iridescent shadings of picric yellow and corinthian pink with a deep rose back. All together it is a very delicate and wonderful color. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

Mariposa. (H. C.) (Bessie Boston's.) A beautiful large flower of a most delicate shade of true pink, shading very deep to the center with a violet suffusion. Perfectly stiff, erect stems. Very floriferous and a good keeper. Perfect hybrid cactus formation. Tubers \$1.50. Plants \$1.00.

Mrs. John L. Gardner. (H. C.) (Fisher & Masson.) A large bi-color exhibition hybrid cactus of dazzling brilliancy. Blood red petals tipped pure white, full to the center and borne on a long stiff stem well above the foliage. A silver and gold medal winner. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Mrs. I. De Ver Warner. (Marean.) For its charming color, large blooms, and for its very long, strong, wiry stems this variety immediately attracts attention wherever grown or exhibited. It is a refined deep mauve pink, beautifully formed, exquisite shade, and acknowledged by all dahlia experts, who have had the pleasure of growing it, to be one of the finest dahlias ever produced. Tubers \$1.00.

Mrs. Carl Salbach. Decorative dahlia of great size. Mauve pink in color, showing up well in the garden. The immense blooms are held erect on extra long, strong stems. A perfect exhibition as well as cut flower. The best in its color for the florist trade. Tubers 50 cents.

Nazareno. (Dec.) (Jost.) A beautiful new dahlia that is bound to become popular, for it has so many good qualities, a free bloomer, large flowers on long, stiff stems, a perfect keeper when cut, as a color it is the nearest thing to a purple that I know of, and was a big attraction at the N. Y. Show where it looked just as good the last day of the show as it did when cut four days before. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Nature's Jewel. (H. C.) (Beatrice.) A dainty orchid pink hybrid cactus, a prolific grower and free bloomer of flowers 7 to 9 inches on good stems. Plants bloom early and continue until frost. It has good substance, making it an ideal cut flower, also a good tuber producer either from tubers or plants. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.

Pop Stewart. (Giant Dec.) (F. & M.) This is a remarkable flower of great size. In the young state the petals appear rosy pink but as it matures the flower undergoes a complete transformation, toning out into a most exquisite shade of the purest lilac-pink. It is a wonderful grower, with splendid stem. Awarded Certificate of Merit, trial gardens, Dahlia Society of New Jersey, scoring ninety points. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Paul Revere. (Dec.) (Bissell.) This is the best dahlia of the color I have ever seen to date. The flowers are large, full centered, and of good depth, and are a rich crimson color, overlaid with a brilliant scarlet satiny sheen. Flowers of this dahlia are about as near sun proof as any in existence, never showing more than the slightest trace of burning, even in the hottest weather, and then only on the old petals that are falling. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.

- Papillon.** (H. C.) This large flower is a beautiful shade of old rose with golden lights. One of the most incessant bloomers I grew this season. Stems are long and strong and carry the flower well. Tubers \$1.50. Plants \$1.00.
- President Wilson.** Large flowers of the finest form, there is nothing in its class to compare with it for beauty. Color a carmine red with tips of petals white, a combination of colors that makes a most striking flower, with stems two feet long holding flowers well out from foliage. If you are looking for something fine don't miss this one. Plants, only \$1.50.
- Rose Fallon.** (Dec.) (Harding.) The world's best dahlia and we don't mean maybe. Giant old gold decorative, finest form and type; excellent stems which carry the enormous flowers quite erect. The most outstanding variety at the 1925 New York show. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.
- Roman Eagle.** (Dec.) (F. & M.) A flower that is typically an autumn shade which has helped make the dahlia "King of the Autumn Season". Large exhibition decorative of a flaming, brilliant burnished copper, one of the most admired dahlias in all of the Eastern shows. Medium height plant. Awarded Certificate of Merit by Dahlia Show of New Jersey, 1925, with score of eighty-nine points. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.
- Robert Scott.** (Dec.) A very beautiful apricot yellow with rose shading and extra large, bold flower, excellent stems and a fine bloomer. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.
- Radio.** (Dec.) (Sampson.) This new variety attracted a great deal of attention in the garden and shows last season. The color, blood red edged and tipped yellow, a color combination that attracts immediate attention. The plant is a strong grower and the immense blooms are held erect on stout rigid stems. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.
- Rollo Boy.** (H. C.) (Pelicano.) Delicate shade of amber, shading to old gold. A strong growing plant of medium height, producing large flowers in great profusion, on the best of stems. A leading prize winner. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.
- Robert Treat.** (Dec.) (Mueller.) New American beauty dahlia. The outstanding novelty of 1925. It is a most perfect decorative dahlia with its long stems and perfect formation and the delightful American Beauty Rose color of this dahlia has made it a consistent prize winner. Tubers \$1.50. Plants \$1.00.

Sanhican's Magnate. (Dec.) (F. & M.) As the name indicates, this is one of the big fellows of the dahlia kingdom. Exhibition decorative of pale amaranth face tinged with a deeper amaranth pink, reverse of petals a solid claret color, heavily veined. The large flowers are held on very stiff stems, profuse bloomer, medium height plants, dark green foliage. Awarded Certificate of Merit by Dahlia Society of New Jersey, 1925. Tubers \$4.00. Plants \$2.00.

Sanhican's Blue Bird. (Fisher & Masson.) A fine exhibition type of decorative, low growing bushes laden with flowers from early to late; color, a beautiful violet blue, as near a blue dahlia as any yet introduced. Beautiful lacy foliage and good stem. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Sanhican's Gem. (Fisher & Masson.) A grand specimen of a giant decorative. Color is a delightful shade of old rose, thickly suffused with amber in the young state, at maturity it is a clear old rose shade; petals are large and thickly placed, a true stag-horn type. Tubers \$2.50. Plants \$1.25.

Sagamore. (Dec.) (Kirby.) A rich amber gold shading toward the center, salmon rose or orange buff. I consider this the best dahlia of its color yet produced. The plants are strong and vigorous, very free bloomers of large flowers on the best of stems; a consistent prize winner at all the shows. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Sunny South. (H. C.) This is one of the finest pure yellow dahlias to date; it is a bright, clear yellow without any shading, the blossoms are immense in size, fine form and very deep in the center. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

Trentonian. (Fisher & Masson.) A giant decorative dahlia of a shade that appeals and captivates at one glance, and is really symbolic of autumn. The color is that of an "Indian's skin," a wonderful blending of old gold, amber and coppery bronze, the whole forming a flower of marvelous brilliancy, with a center zone of reddish bronze. This flower is highly recommended either for garden or exhibition for its size, stem and grand color. Awarded Certificate of Merit, trial gardens of Dahlia Society of N. J., scoring eighty-nine points, 1924. Tubers \$2.00. Plants \$1.00.

The General. (Dec.) (Meachen & Sherman.) A deep garnet flower of unusual size with a silvery white reverse, the combination forming a blossom of remarkable beauty and charm. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.

- The Bandit.** (H. C.) (Reed.) Color spectrum red with backs of petals buff yellow. A striking flower. Flowering habit profuse; stems erect, carrying flower on top, score eighty-eight points. Second highest scoring dahlia at Storrs, 1924. First prize winner in Nebraska, 1925. Award of Merit, New Brunswick, N. J., 1925. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.
- The Crescent.** (Kit Gardens.) A new decorative of golden cream with soft pink and bright pink on reverse tips of the long, narrow petals that flute just enough to give a two-tone effect. Stems are long and very strong, holding the 6 to 8 inch blooms perfectly erect. Plant is a strong, vigorous grower and a splendid tuber producer. Tubers \$3.00. Plants \$1.50.
- Uncle Tom.** (Dec.) (Success.) This dahlia is the nearest to black of any dahlia I know. It is deep garnet, almost black, with a rich velvety texture. The blossoms are large; stems, long, straight and stiff. It has won three awards of merit at the trial gardens and many prizes at shows. Tubers \$3.50. Plants \$1.75.
- W. J. Erwin.** (Dec.) No doubt this is the best lavender purple dahlia ever produced. It surely has size, the best of stems and is a very free bloomer. This is a dahlia everybody likes and a prize to have. Tubers \$5.00. Plants \$2.50.
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